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SUBJECT: ICCS: POLISH PARTICIPATION

REFS: A. STATE 42763, B. SAIGON 4144

1. FOLLOWING SPASOWSKI'S TOUR D' HORIZON ON CURRENT  
BILATERAL ITEMS ( SEPTELS), I SAID I WISHED TO REFER TO  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY GREEN'S MEETING OF MARCH 7 WITH  
AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI AND TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE  
WE ASCRIBED TO POLAND'S HELP IN MAKING THE ICCS'S MISSION  
SUCCEED. I THEN REPEATED THE MAIN POINTS OF THE REPRESENTA-  
TION REPORTED IN REF A, ADDING, AS SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF  
INCIDENTS IN WHICH WE THOUGHT THE ICCS SHOULD IMPROVE ITS  
PERFORMANCE, TRI TAQ AND THE AN LOC SHOOTING ( REF B) TO  
THE EXAMPLES CITED IN REF A, AND STRESSING OUR CONCERN  
OVER THE CURRENT CANADIAN ATTITUDE.

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2. HAVING HEARD ME OUT ( WHILE DIRECTOR OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE DEPARTMENT SZEWCZYK TOOK NOTES), SPASOWSKI SAID THAT THIS WAS A " HEAVY QUESTION" AND EXTREMELY COMPLICATED. THE POLISH GOVERNMENT INTENDED THAT ITS ICCS DELEGATION SHOULD BE OBJECTIVE AND IMPARTIAL AND SHOULD DO ITS BEST TO MAKE THE ICCS SUCCEED. BUT, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, THE SAIGON AUTHORITIES HAD CREATED DIFFICULTIES FOR THE OTHER VIETNAMESE PARTIES AND HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR OVER ONE THOUSAND VIOLATIONS. WHEN THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS IN THE FPJMC, THE ICCS WAS PRACTICALLY HELPLESS. IT WAS NOT, AFTER ALL, A POLICE FORCE AND COULD NOT ASSUME A COMBATANT ROLE.

3. I SAID THAT WE WERE NOT CONTENDING THAT THERE WERE VIOLATIONS FROM ONLY ONE SIDE AND THE POLES WERE WELL AWARE OF THE ATTITUDE WE HAD TAKEN WITH REGARD TO THE PROBLEMS THAT HAD ARISEN WITH REGARD TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DRV AND PRG. ( SPASOWSKI BROKE IN TO SAY THAT HE HAD SEEN IN ONE OF THE AMERICAN NEWSMAGAZINES PICTURE OF AMERICAN TROOPS HELPING DEFEND SOME OF THOSE REPRESENTATIVES). WE WERE POINTING TO THE NECESSITY OF EFFECTIVE ICCS ACTION WHEN VIOLATIONS WERE ALLEGED. WE FELT THE ICCS WAS CLEARLY AUTHORIZED TO INVESTIGATE UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF THE ICCS PROTOCOL REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A FPJMC OR TPJMC REQUEST HAD BEEN AGREED UPON AND I HAD CITED INSTANCES IN WHICH WE FELT THE ICCS HAD NOT ACTED EFFECTIVELY.

4. SPASOWSKI SAID THE POLES HAVE NOT BEEN GIVING PUBLIC EXPRESSION TO THEM, BUT THEY HAVE WORRIES SIMILAR TO THOSE THE CANADIANS HAVE. HE WAS INFORMED ON THE POSITION MINISTER SHARP HAD EXPRESSED AT THE PARIS CONFERENCE AND WOULD SAY THAT THIS WAS NOT THE POSITION OF POLAND, WHICH PREFERRED TO CONCENTRATE UPON THE FINAL SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE. THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HOPED THAT SHARP WOULD NOT DRAW ANY DRASTIC CONCLUSIONS FROM HIS CURRENT TRW. IF CANADA SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE ICCS, OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN IT MIGHT FEEL THAT THEY, TOO, SHOULD RECONSIDER THE QUESTION OF THEIR PARTICIPATION. BUT POLAND, HE WISHED TO STRESS, DID NOT HAVE THE SAME ATTITUDE AS CANADA AND HAD UNDERTAKEN THIS RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE IT WAS CONVINCED IT WAS ITS DUTY TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN VIETNAM. IN ORDER THAT THIS EFFORT SHOULD SUCCEED,  
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POLAND HOPED THAT THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT WOULD CHANGE ITS

ATTITUDE AND, IN PARTICULAR, THAT THERE WOULD BE STRICT OBSERVANCE BY BOTH SIDES OF PROPER TREATMENT OF THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER.

5. SZEWCZYK THEN SAID THAT, FOR THE SAKE OF THE ACCURACY OF HIS NOTES, HE WONDERED WHETHER HE HAD CORRECTLY RECORDED WHAT I HAD SAID ABOUT THE BEARING OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE POLISH ICCS DELEGATION ON US- POLISH RELATIONS. I REPEATED THIS PORTION OF REPRESENTATION, SAYING THAT THE COGENCY OF THE POINT SEEMED INDEED OBVIOUS. SPASOWSKI SAID ( TO SZEWCZYK, RATHER THAN ME) THAT THIS POINT HAD BEEN REPORTED BY AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI IN THE SAME TERMS I HAD USED.

6. I SAID THAT I HAD NO WISH TO ENTER INTO POLEMICS ON THESE MATTERS AND I JUDGED THAT THIS WAS ALSO THE ATTITUDE OF THE POLISH SIDE, TO WHICH SPASOWSKI ASSENTED. I SAID THE POINT WAS THAT ALLEGED VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED PROMPTLY, OBJECTIVELY, AND IMPARTIALLY BY THE ICCS, WHICH SHOULD BE SEEN TO BE MAKING AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE RETURN OF PEACE TO VIETNAM, AND CONCLUDED BY AGAIN EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR POLISH READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RESPONSIBLE WORK.  
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